

CHAPTER 249

GOVERNMENT - STATE

SENATE BILL 22-134

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AN ACT

**CONCERNING A GENERAL FUND TRANSFER TO THE COLORADO STATE FAIR AUTHORITY CASH FUND
TO PARTLY FUND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2021 COLORADO STATE FAIR MASTER PLAN,
AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that:

(a) The Colorado state fair and fairgrounds are a vital community asset for Pueblo and a cultural and historical asset for Colorado. Every year, the Colorado state fair showcases diverse industries and hosts family activities, fun-filled events, concerts, rodeos, and art, as well as agricultural and industrial presentations that promote agriculture, mineral, and livestock growth across Colorado.

(b) A historic asset to Colorado with a legacy in Pueblo spanning over one hundred fifty years, the Colorado state fair fairgrounds are currently facing many issues common to fairs across the country, including aging facilities, limited funding, competing venues, operational losses, and a backlog of building deficiencies. The Colorado state fair authority board created a master plan that details the solutions to these challenges.

(c) The Colorado state fair is a crucial economic driver for Pueblo and southern Colorado, an affordable and accessible amenity for a diverse population, and a cultural asset for all of Colorado. It is important that Colorado, in conjunction with other contributing parties through gifts, grants, or donations, make investments in the future of the Colorado state fair.

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 35-65-107, **amend** (3)(a) introductory portion; and **add** (3)(a)(I.7) as follows:

35-65-107. Colorado state fair authority cash fund - lease and use of facilities - repeal. (3) (a) The Colorado state fair authority cash fund ~~shall consist~~ CONSISTS of:

(I.7) (A) FOUR MILLION DOLLARS, WHICH THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE COLORADO STATE FAIR AUTHORITY CASH FUND CREATED IN THIS SECTION WITHIN THREE DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (3)(a)(I.7)(A) TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2021 COLORADO STATE FAIR MASTER PLAN.

(B) THIS SUBSECTION (3)(a)(I.7) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024.

SECTION 3. Appropriation. For the 2021-22 state fiscal year, \$4,000,000 is appropriated to the department of agriculture for use by the Colorado state fair. This appropriation is from the Colorado state fair authority cash fund created in section 35-65-107 (1), C.R.S. To implement this act, the Colorado state fair may use this appropriation for program costs. Any money appropriated in this section not expended prior to July 1, 2022, is further appropriated to the fair for the 2022-23 state fiscal year for the same purpose.

SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

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